

IHS WORD

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From the PTA Presidents

The PTA mini-grants program has been very successful this year, awarding 7 grants since the update in the previous issue of The Word, with 13 grants total for the 2018-19 school year. Many thanks to Allison Anderson for administering the mini-grant program.

Recent grants:

1. Shaun Errichiello (Math): To purchase sets of springs and other scientific equipment for hands on math experiments.
2. Matthew Fellman (AVID): To purchase academic planners for AVID students. The planners will be large enough for effective mapping of academic work throughout a day and monthly.
3. Brittany Snyder (Athletics): To purchase healthy snacks for morning and afternoon athletic study hall.
4. Sara Shenk (Avid): To purchase fresh fruit and yogurt for AVID morning class as many students arrive without having eaten breakfast.
5. Sara Shenk (Social Studies): To purchase testing kits/supplies for classroom experiments for sensation perception unit.
6. Marie Sadusky (Health Education): To purchase materials/equipment for yoga, relaxation and mindfulness unit.
7. Yvette DeBoer (Science): To purchase to purchase virtual reality materials for Oceanography course.

Please consider volunteering or supporting the upcoming Staff and Teacher Appreciation Lunch on June 5, discussed in detail in a separate article.

The PTA sponsored College Student Panel is scheduled for Tuesday June 18, 11:30-2 in the Kulp Auditorium Lounge. Encourage your students interested in talking about first year college experiences to attend.

A brief thanks to Jaclene Weston for coordinating the very popular Morning Munch program, and to all those who have helped to staff and provision the monthly events over the past school year.

Due to the PTA bi-laws and children graduating from the high school, many of the positions for the PTA leadership will open next year so we are actively seeking people for the following roles: president & vice-president (or co-presidents), treasurer, and others. No experience is necessary! Many of us had not been previously involved in the IHS PTA, but found that this was a good opportunity to stay engaged with the school and work with the administrators. Please reach out if you have any questions or would like to recommend someone or volunteer yourself. It is also a great way to get to know other parents in the school.

The final PTA meeting will be June 6 at 7pm at the high school. We look forward to seeing you there.

Monica Touesnard & Kate Supron
IHS PTA co-presidents

Brain Team

A big, big thanks to all of you who have supported our past trivia night fundraisers. Your support is critical in helping the team to afford the registration, airfare, and hotel costs associated with participating in regional and national tournaments, and we have that community support to thank for helping the team to their national ranking of 11 (and 1st in the state!). Earlier in April, some representatives of the team traveled to DC to place in the National History Bowl championship games, where they finished 16th out of more than 200 teams, the highest finish our program has ever achieved at this tournament!

We have qualified for two additional national tournaments this year, but unfortunately our fundraising so far this year has fallen short of targets, and we are several hundred dollars away from our goal. With this last push, we hope to raise the last of the money needed to get us to the national competitions in Atlanta and DC. These will be the last tournaments our seniors will play in before graduating, and we have every intention of continuing the excellence they have shown all through this year!

From the Health Office

Reminder! The school district supplies no medication for students. A parent/guardian &/or physician may want a student to self-administer medication during the school day or sporting events. This is helpful for students who use inhalers for asthma or need medication for allergic reactions. We need an order for “self-carry” from the physician. THIS FORM MUST BE RENEWED ANNUALLY AND SUBMITTED TO THE IHS MEDICAL OFFICE.

Required Physicals (changes to state law)

New York State now requires all 9th and 11th graders to have documentation of a physical exam on file with the school. Exams done from the start of the previous grade will suffice. If you have an 8th and/or 10th grader this year who has not received a check-up, please be sure to schedule a well-child exam as soon as possible. Physical exams within the past year are also required for sports and working papers. If you have any questions, call the Medical Office.

Meningococcal Requirements for 12th Graders

New York State requires that 12th grade students have two meningococcal vaccines (brand names of Menactra, Menveo or Menomune). One vaccine must be given after the student turns 16. Students who receive the vaccine after age 16 only need one. If your child is entering 12th grade this fall, please be sure we have received documentation showing that your student is in compliance with this requirement. Our fax number is 274-2174. Please do not wait until the last minute – students will be excluded from school if they are not in compliance by Thursday, 9/19/19. Please call our office if you have any questions.

Message from the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids

It's time for the most important spring cleaning you can do —inside your medicine cabinet. Two-thirds of teens who report abuse of prescription medicine are getting them from friends, family and acquaintances. Be sure to safeguard your home, so the teens in your life don't have access to your medicine.

Follow these three steps to find out how to monitor, secure and properly dispose of unused and expired prescription drugs and over-the-counter cough medicine in your home:

Monitor: Take note of how many pills are in each of your prescription bottles and keep track of your refills.

Secure: Secure your medications in a locked cabinet your teen cannot access.

Dispose: Safely dispose of expired and unused prescriptions at a medicine take-back location.

To find out more about medicine abuse, and what you can do to protect or get help for someone in your family, visit the Medicine Abuse Project at drugfree.org.

English

Wynne Williams-Ceci, a junior, has won a Gold Key Award in the National Scholastic Writing Awards competition for her Humor-Category true story, entitled: "My Seven Crazy Cousins Take The Metropolitan Museum of Art." More than 340,000 works were submitted. Wynne's writing was adjudicated by a panel of creative professionals and was selected as the most outstanding work in the Northeast Region-at-Large. She also won Honorable Mention in the Critical-Essay category for "Why People Failed to Prevent the Holocaust in 1930s Germany: A Review of In the Garden of Beasts."

For ninety-six years, the National Scholastic Awards have recognized some of America's most celebrated artists when they were teenagers. Former award winners include: Sylvia Plath, Robert Redford, Joyce Carol Oates, Stephen King, Truman Capote, and Lena Dunham.

Latin

Two of the advanced Latin students, Cricket Michaels (Latin 4) and Phoebe Whitham (Latin 2), took part in a production (in Latin!) of Seneca's Trojan Women, at Cornell, on April 21 and 24. This was the brainchild of Prof. Daniel Gallagher's conversational Latin class.

The Cornellians were kind enough to welcome our IHS Latinists, who performed as members of the chorus of Trojan women who face the destruction of their city by the Greeks. Cricket and Phoebe tore their hair and rent their garments, in ritual lamentation style; and helped to deliver three choral odes (in anapests and sapphics), which they chanted together with four Cornell students. IHS alumnus Lehman Schwab projected onto a screen the English translations of what the actors on stage were saying in Latin. It was a remarkable performance, and we hope that this is the start of a new annual tradition!

Latin students at all levels did well on the recent National Latin Exam. Students who score above the national average at their respective levels are recognized for performing with distinction (cum laude), with great distinction (magna cum laude), with really great distinction (maxima cum laude), and with highest distinction (summa cum laude).

In Latin 1, Rose Chandler performed magna cum laude; Mariah Loehr, Drake Howard and Hope Liepe performed at the Silver Medal level (maxima cum laude); and Heewon Ahn, Alina Fitzgerald, Jade Gordon and Lily Mueller earned Gold Medals (summa cum laude).

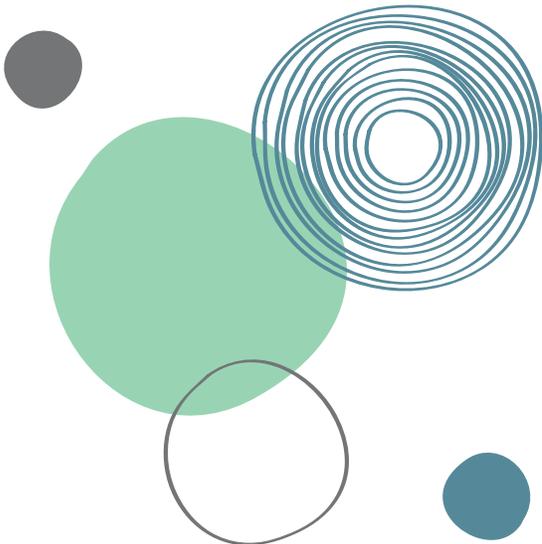
In Latin 2, Elinor Addonizio is recognized at magna cum laude; Phoebe Whitham and Henry Deitcher earn Silver; and Louisa Miller-Out and Alex Yoo earn Gold.

In Latin 3, Sara Xin earns a Silver Medal.

In Latin 4, Sam Glaubitz is recognized at cum laude level; Cricket Michaels, Silver; Anya Kramer and Anna Westwig, at Gold.

Sarah Karnes also earns a Gold Medal for the fourth year in a row, at the advanced Latin level.

Congratulations to all who participated!



Staff Appreciation Luncheon

The annual Staff and Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is on Wednesday, June 5th. This is our chance to thank the teachers and staff for all their hard work in making IHS a special place.

There are several ways you can help:

- Please consider donating a dessert for the luncheon--either homemade or store bought. The more decadent, the better! A few gluten free and vegan desserts are also appreciated. Look for a link to the dessert sign-up list in the PTA E-News.
- Please consider helping out on the day. Let us know if you would like to help with set-up (from 8 to 10am) or clean-up (from 2 to 3:30). Please email luncheon co-chairs Mia Slotnick (mjslotnick123@gmail.com) and Ineke Demuyne (ineked131@gmail.com) if you would like to help out.
- Send in a financial donation. Checks can be made out to IHS PTA with "appreciation luncheon" in the memo line. Have your student drop it off in the main office, or mail it to IHS PTA, 1401 N. Cayuga Street, Ithaca.

Look for more luncheon information details in the upcoming PTA E-News.

A big thank you to the following businesses for their generous support of the IHS Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

Aladdin's Natural Eatery, Plenty of Posies, Early Bird Farm, Gimme Coffee, Michaleen's Florist and Garden Center, and Cornell Laundry

From the Registrar

Is your student leaving ICSD for any reason by June 30th or over the summer?

If your son or daughter is graduating in June, this does not pertain to them as they will follow different procedures for returning their assigned or borrowed materials. This also does not apply to students leaving for summer enrichment programs who will be returning by September 2019.

If leaving, the withdrawal procedures that are listed on pages 12-13 in the IHS Student Handbook and posted on the ICSD website must be completed before academic records can be released.

All borrowed or assigned materials, including Chromebook/charger, textbooks, sheet music, musical instruments, choir or sports uniforms, cameras, calculators, and library books must be returned before a student leaves IHS.

Please contact IHS Registrar Deborah Case at (607) 274-2144 or dcasey@icsd.k12.ny.us at least 14 days before your student's last day so that the proper forms can be completed and arrangements made for materials to be returned.

Congratulations to all 2019 IHS graduates!

For students needing final transcripts sent to colleges & universities listed on their graduation survey in Naviance, IHS College & Careers Office will be sending your transcripts AUTOMATICALLY after July 5th, 2019. You may receive notices from schools needing the final transcript by July 1st but Admissions Offices are aware that this is not possible from New York. Public Schools posting a final transcript date of June 30th. Direct questions to (607) 274-2218. Summer office hours are 7:30 am – 3:00 pm, Monday – Friday. School Counselors do not have summer office hours and have limited email or phone access during this time.

Graduates taking a gap year will need to follow the directions below as they will no longer have access to Naviance.

For future transcript requests or proof of graduation needed AFTER September 1st, the "IHS Alumni Transcript Request Form" can be found as a PDF under "Downloads" on the IHS page of the ICSD. Contact the IHS Registrar at (607) 274-2144 or dcasey@icsd.k12.ny.us The request form can also be found at the bottom of the IHS Registrar FAQ.